

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 4 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, in paragraph [0056] of the published specification. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested at least in light of the following reports.

I. The Clams Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0181133 to Siders et al. ("Siders") and rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0160690 to Miyazawa et al. ("Miyazawa") in view of Siders. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Siders and Miyazawa fail to disclose and would not have rendered obvious "an optical center of the optical surface is set at a position having a distance away from a geometric center of the circular lens member, the distance corresponding to an inward eccentric quantity calculated based on a pupil distance PD and a distance between centers of the two sub-frames, a geometric center of the edge shape corresponding to an associated sub-frame center," as recited in claim 1.

Siders discloses placing reference marks at an optical center of a lens blank during the machining process to set the position of the optical center of the lens blank (see Siders, paragraph [0088]). In addition, Miyazawa discloses machining a surface of a lens based on a position of the optical center of the lens (see Miyazawa, paragraph [0083]). However, Siders and Miyazawa fail to disclose that the location of the optical center is based on a distance between two sub-frame centers or a pupil distance. Moreover, Siders and Miyazawa are silent regarding the layout information of more than one eye of the spectacle lens user. In contrast, the position of the optical center of claim 1 is partially based on the distance between two sub-frame centers. This distance is inherently based on the layout of both eyes

of the spectacle lens user. Therefore, Siders and Miyazawa fail to disclose and would not have rendered obvious, each and every feature of claim 1.

Claim 4 recites "wherein an optical center of an optical surface of the spectacle lens is set at a position having a distance away from a geometric center of the spectacle lens before being processed into the edge shape, based on order information including spectacle frame information and layout information, wherein the distance away from the geometric center of the spectacle lens corresponds to an inward eccentric quantity calculated based on a pupil distance PD and a distance between centers of the two sub-frames, a geometric center of the edge shape corresponding to an associated sub-frame center." Therefore, claim 4 is patentable at least for reasons similar to those discussed above for claim 1 as well as for the additional features claim 4 recites.

Dependent claims 2, 3 and 5 depend from independent claim 1. Therefore, dependent claims 2, 3 and 5 are patentable over the references at least for their dependence from claim 1 as well as for the additional features those claims recite.

Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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